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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francis Joseph Carr et al. )  
Application No. 09/518,813 )  
Filed: March 3, 2000 )  
For: METHODS FOR PROTEIN SCREENING )  
Examiner: Jon D. Epperson ) Atty docket No. MER-105

25/Reg Ext  
time (1 mo)

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

A one month extension in the time for Responding to the Office Action dated December 23, 2002, to and including April 23, 2003, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- (A) An Amendment and Response to the Office Action
- (B) The required fee of \$ 110.00 for a one-month extension of time under rule 1.17(a)(1).

Please charge any additional fees concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated 23 April 2003

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